fruits and vegetables throughout the year to hotels, restaurants, etc. Exporters earning foreign exchange are able to get benefit of export incentive and able to earn their living for the benefit of their families.

In addition to farmers, middlemen, food processors, marketers, transporters and exporters, shipping agents also earn their living from these industries.

(c) Govt. has seen the article on sale of junk food which appeared in the October, 1988 issue of Health for Millions. The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/U.Ts excerise quality control on all food articles under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

Deaths due to T. B.

1699. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether T. B. continues to kill 5 lakh Indians every year as reported in the Patriot dated the 3rd April, 1989; if so, the state-wise breakup of such deaths indicating ratio per population, for the last three years;

(b) what have been the results of R&D for rapid detection diagnosis of T. B.; and

(c) whether incidence of T. B. has now been linked to AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The exact number of persons who die of T. B. in is not available as T. B. is not a notified disease. However, it is estimated that 3.5 lakh people die of T. B. every year in our country.

(b) As per available informatoin Statewise statement regarding mortality due to T. B. for the last three years is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 81).

At present the available test for rapid detection/diagnosis of T.B. patient under the programme is sputum examination.

(c) No such reports have been received in this regard.

Department of Chemicals Kelkar Committee referred the matter of essentiality

1700. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Chemicals Kelkar Committee had referred the matter of essentiality in respect to an anti-diabetic drug Glybenclamide to his Ministry; and

(b) if so, when and what are the details of comments given by his Ministry and on what basis the said opinion was given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No such reference from the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals/ Kelkar Committee, was received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) Does not arise.

Common cadre of staff of Ayurveda Pharmacopoeia Committee

1701. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a common cadre of staff of Ayurveda Pharmacopoeia Committee and Pharmacopoeia Lab of I.S.M.;

(b) the reason for not constituting such common cadre in Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia committee and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Lab; and

(c) whether no promotion is proposed to be made till such common cadre is constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. However, there are certain posts in Ayurvedic pharmacopoeia Committee as well as in Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine which

have been clubbed for purposes of promotion where the nature of duties are similar.

(b) The nature of duties of technical staff in Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Committee and Homoeopathic Pharmocopoeia Lab. are different. As such the staff of Homoeopathic Pharmocopoeia Committee and that of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Lab. have not been clubbed as a common cadre.

(c) Does not arise.

Departmental promotion to handicapped employees during service

1702. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.C.S. rules provide for departmental promotion of a serving Government employee who becomes physically handicapped duirng his service tenure;

(b) if so, whether a group 'D' employee, having the requisite educational qualifications can be promoted departmentally to senior posts in Group 'D' and 'C' like Library attendant, Zerox Operator, Junior clerk etc.;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make any provision in C.C.S. rules for the departmental promotion of such employees; and

(d) whether such rules are also likely to be applicable to the organisation, other than Central Government organisations which follow the rules of Central Government in the matter of recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The departmental promotion of serving Government employees including those who become physically handicapped during their service tenure is regulated by the relevant provisions of the recruitment rules of the higher post. They have to be assessed by the Departmental Promotion Committee with reference to the eligibility conditions mentioned in the recruitment rules and their record of service. There is, however, no reservation or special consideration for physically handicapped persons in the matter of promotion.

Recurrence of gastroenteritis epidemic in the Capital

1703. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press conference addressed by the Resident Doctors Association of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi recently cautioning about the impending recurrence of gastroenteritis epidemic in the Capital and the problems faced by them in handling the situation;

(b) if so, what were the precise observations and suggestions made at the Press Conference; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No. However facilities at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital has been adequately strengthened to handle the gastro-enteritis cases. An oral rehydration unit is already wirking in Out Patient Department. ORS and Intravenous fluids are also available. If needed, extra beds will be provided.

News item captioned 'Rs. 1.5 crore medicines out dated'

1704. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 7th March, 1989 under the caption 'Rs. 1.5 crore Medicines out dated';